## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

BROOKE RYAN, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff, : No. 20-cv-02164-JMG

v. : CLASS ACTION

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY,

Defendant.

CHRISTINA FUSCA, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

: No. 20-cv-03434-JMG

Plaintiff, : CLASS ACTION

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY,

v.

Defendant.

**STIPULATION OF FACTS** 

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED, by the undersigned counsel on behalf of the stipulating parties, that the following facts are undisputed:

- 1. Plaintiff Brooke Ryan was enrolled as a student in Temple's undergraduate program, studying public health, during the Spring 2020 semester.
- 2. Plaintiff Christina Fusca was enrolled in Temple's graduate program, studying criminal justice, during the Spring 2020 semester.
  - 3. Temple's Spring 2020 semester began on January 13, 2020.

- 4. Temple's Spring 2020 semester was scheduled to conclude with the last day of examinations on or about May 5, 2020, and commencement ceremonies on May 7, 2020.
- 5. On March 11, 2020, "as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic," Temple announced that all classes would be taught online, effective March 16, 2020.
- 6. On March 16, 2020, Mayor Jim Kenney announced that only essential businesses could remain open in Philadelphia through at least March 27, 2020, but that a precise end date to the citywide shutdown had not yet been determined. *See https://www.phila.gov/2020-03-16-city-announces-new-restrictions-on-business-activity-in-philadelphia*.
- 7. On March 19, 2020, Governor Tom Wolf announced that only life-sustaining businesses could remain open in Pennsylvania. Governor Wolf's order stated that it was "effective immediately (March 19, 2020) and will remain in effect until further notice."
  - 8. Plaintiffs and Temple entered into legally binding contracts.
- 9. Temple provided \$20 million in pro-rata refunds to students for parking, oncampus housing and meal plans.
- 10. Temple did not offer an online program in either plaintiff's field (undergraduate public health, criminal justice).
- 11. Plaintiff Christina Fusca received a M.A. in Criminal Justice from Temple University in December 2020.
- 12. Plaintiff Brooke Ryan received a B.S. in Public Health from Temple University in May 2021.
- 13. The University Services Fee is a "non-refundable" flat fee which is charged to all students. It is "single, comprehensive fee that helps fund a number of university services, including [a]ccess to all student activities, events and recreational facilities," and does not vary

based on a student's use of or access to University facilities or services. *See* https://bulletin.temple.edu/archives/2019 2020 Undergraduate Temple.pdf, at p. 129.

- 14. The University Services Fee was calculated during the Spring 2020 semester as follows:
  - o Enrolled for 9 or more credits: \$445.00
  - o Enrolled for 5.0 to 8.9 credits: \$319.00
  - o Enrolled for 1.0 to 4.9 credits: \$163.00

See id.

- 15. Temple distributed more than \$14 million in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to more than 16,000 students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
- 16. Plaintiff Brooke Ryan received an \$800 grant pursuant to Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act and an \$815 grant pursuant to HEERF II.
- 17. For the Spring 2020 semester at Temple, Plaintiff Brooke Ryan received a scholarship of \$1,000, a grant of \$3,600, and \$1,732 in grants from PHEAA.
- 18. For the Spring 2020 semester, Plaintiff Brooke Ryan received a refund from Temple of \$4,288 for private housing and food and a course fee refund from Temple of \$24.

## IT IS SO STIPULATED.

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